

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA**CLERK'S OFFICE****NOTICE OF FILING****DOCKET NO. 2018-320-E****Joint Application of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and Duke Energy Progress, LLC to Establish Green Source Advantage Programs and Riders GSA**

Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC ("DEC") and Duke Energy Progress, LLC ("DEP") (collectively, "the Companies") filed an Application with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the "Commission") pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-27-820, S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-823, and other applicable rules and regulations of the Commission. DEC & DEP, in the Joint Application request approval to each implement a Green Source Advantage Program ("GSA Programs" or the "Programs") and respective Rider GSA tariff (attached to the Joint Application as Attachments A (DEC) and B (DEP). According to the Joint Application, the Programs will enable the Companies, on behalf of participating eligible customers ("GSA Customers"), to procure new renewable energy facilities dedicated to the GSA Programs ("GSA Facilities"), and to facilitate these GSA Customers obtaining the renewable energy attributes and renewable energy certificates ("RECs") associated with this new renewable energy generation to meet their sustainability goals. The Programs are also designed to meet the objective of holding non participating customers neutral from any costs associated with the Companies' procurement of additional renewable energy on behalf of GSA Customers voluntarily electing to participate in the Programs.

Page 5, paragraph 8 of the Petition states, "GSA Programs are available to South Carolina retail non-residential customers receiving concurrent service from DEC or DEP (excluding service under outdoor lighting schedules) that voluntarily elect to contract for the RECs associated with new renewable energy generated by a GSA Facility(ies) and procured by the Companies under a GSA Purchased Power Agreement." The Joint Application reveals that the Companies have designed the GSA Programs such that all administrative costs and REC costs will be recovered from GSA Customers, while the avoided cost of the energy and capacity generated by GSA Facilities, calculated at the time of delivery, will be recovered from all native load customers. DEC and DEP opine that the GSA Facilities will be system supply resources, thus, the cost of the energy and capacity generated by GSA Facilities should be recoverable from all jurisdictions and customers. South Carolina's allocable share of the cost of the renewable capacity and energy purchased under the GSA Programs would be recovered as a part of the Companies' fuel rates pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-27-865(2)(c), as the Renewable Supplier would be a Qualifying Facility under the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978, also known as PURPA. The Joint Applicants state that the Companies' request would not involve a change to any of DEP's or DEC's retail rates or prices at this time or require any change in any Commission rule, regulation, or policy.

A copy of the company's Joint Application can be found on the Commission's website at www.psc.sc.gov under Docket No. 2018-320-E. Additionally, a copy of the Joint Application is available from the corporate office of Heather S. Smith, Esquire, Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and Duke Energy Progress, LLC, 40 West Broad Street, Suite 690, Greenville, South Carolina 29601, Rebecca J. Dulin, Esquire, Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and Duke Energy Progress, LLC, 1201 Main Street, Suite 1180, Columbia, South Carolina 29201 and Frank R. Ellerbe, III, Esquire, Robinson Gray Stepp & Laffitte, LLC, P. O. Box 11449, Columbia, South Carolina 29211.

Any person who wishes to participate in this matter as a party of record, should file a Petition to Intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure on or before **December 17, 2018**, by filing the Petition to Intervene with the Commission, by providing a copy to the Office of Regulatory Staff and by providing a copy to all parties of record. For the receipt of future Commission correspondence, please include an email address in the Petition to Intervene. ***Please refer to Docket No. 2018-320-E and mail a copy to all other parties in this docket.*** Any person who seeks to intervene and who wishes to testify and present evidence at the hearing, if scheduled, should notify, in writing, the Commission; the Office of Regulatory Staff at 1401 Main Street, Suite 900, Columbia, South Carolina 29201; and the company at the above address, on or before **December 17, 2018**. ***Please refer to Docket No. 2018-320-E.***

A public hearing, if scheduled, will be held in Columbia, South Carolina in the offices of the Commission located at 101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100, Columbia, South Carolina 29210, for the purpose of receiving testimony and other evidence from all interested parties regarding this Application. The time and date of this hearing will be furnished to all interested parties at a later date.

For the most recent information regarding this docket, including changes in scheduled dates included in this Notice, please refer to www.psc.sc.gov and ***Docket No. 2018-320-E.***

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